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U. S. WILL GIVE MEXICO CHANCE

Republic Urged To Obtain Immediate Release Of Kidnapped Men.

Washington, June 27.—Seizure of forty American employees of the Cortez Oil Company, of Tampico, Mexico, reported to the State Department today as security for a ransom of 15,000 pesos, created a stir in official circles in Washington. Lacking further information as to what has happened behind what is apparently a rigid censorship at Tampico, there was little to indicate tonight whether the incident would lead to any change of attitude here toward the Obregon government in Mexico.

In fact, at the White House it was said that relations between the United States and Mexico were not likely to be affected by the bandit outbreak and the recent kidnapping for ransom of Bruce Bielaski, formerly of the Department of Justice and more recently identified with American interests in Mexico.

Holding Property, Too.

Beyond a brief report stating that in addition to the two score American employees a quarter of a million dollars worth of destructible property of the Cortez Oil Company was being held as security for the payment demanded, no other word had reached the State Department tonight concerning the bandit action in Tampico.

Both the embassy in Mexico City and the consul at Tampico were instructed to press for immediate action by the Mexican federal authorities, adequate protection for American lives and property and punishment of the bandits.

The consul reported that the rebel general, Gorazave, with 240 men held the property of the forty Americans and had given forty-eight hours from Sunday morning when the raid occurred for payment as demanded. The time limit elapsed this morning. It was expected that further word would come at any moment, showing what finally had occurred.

Gorazave New Factor.

Gorazave is a new figure in the Mexican situation.

There were indications that the State Department officials were not exactly sure just what sort of a situation they had to meet. Some elements in the meager official account inclined them to move cautiously beyond prompt insistence that the Mexican federal government authorities protect all American interests adequately.

At least so far as known the State Department had not tonight reported the Cortez company incident to either army or navy officials, or inquired as to the availability of navy ships to send to the rescue.

The new situation in the oil region overshadowed for the moment the seizure of Bruce Bielaski. No word had come from the embassy today to show progress of the efforts of the Mexican federal authorities to obtain the release of the captive. The delay caused little surprise here, however, as the region is mountainous, and it was recognized that the Mexican government must move cautiously in dealing with outlaws in order that the life of the prisoner might not be jeopardized.

American Charge Urges Immediate Action.

Mexico City, June 27.—Representations to the Mexican Foreign Office last night by George T. Summerlin, vice urging immediate action to secure the release of forty employees of the Cortez Oil Company, held by the rebel general, Gorazave, were made last night by George T. Summerlin, the American charge d'affaires, it was announced today.

At the same time the request was renewed for the release of A. Bruce Bielaski, former chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, who was kidnapped Sunday near Guernavaca and for the apprehension of his captors.

ASHER-TAYLOR

Mr. Otis B. Taylor and Miss Ruby Asher were married at the home of Dr. F. F. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tenn., on Monday afternoon, June 12th at

5:30 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Shaver, of Crawfordsville, Ind., attended the ceremony.

Mrs. Taylor comes from a prominent family at Marion, Ky., and has been engaged in teaching in the public schools at Paducah, Marion and the Marion high school for the last six years. Besides attending the University of Kentucky she was also a student at the State Normal for one year.

Mr. Taylor went to the National Sanatorium at Johnson City, Tenn., in January and has been there since that time. In March the commander of the sanatorium legion post resigned and Mr. Taylor was elected to fill the vacancy. He had held the post of vice commander for nearly a year prior to this. He attended the University of Wisconsin for one year and then attended the University of Kentucky receiving his degree of Bachelor of Science in two and one-half years of study. He is a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. During the war he served with the 87th division and later was assigned to the Balloon Corps as sergeant, first class.

Mr. Taylor is the son of H. B. Taylor, one of Ohio County's most prominent citizens and a grandson of W. B. Render, of Hartford. He is the youngest of the four brothers who have made their way in educational work; the others being S. Clifton, of Princeton, Indiana; Chas. L., for several years one of Kentucky's leading county agents, and Wm. S., now Vocational Educational Director for the state of Pennsylvania. William has studied extensively in Columbia University and will soon receive a P. H. D. from there.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will be at home about July 1st and will visit here, also with the bride's parents at Marion. (Mountain Branch Breeze, Johnson City Tenn.)

MRS. HANNAH JONES

Mrs. Hannah Jones who was in her 82 year died at her home in Render, June 27th, of infirmities due to her advanced age. Mrs. Jones was born and reared in Wales, where, in early life, she married Mr. Simon Jones, a gentleman well known, highly respected and who died during the year 1915. In 1849 Mr. and Mrs. Jones came to this country, settling at Newburg, Ind., where they remained until 1872, when they removed to Render, this County, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

The deceased lady and her husband had no children of their own, but during married life became foster parents to five, the offspring of others, caring for them in a most tender and parental manner.

Brief funeral services were conducted from the home by the Rev. McAtee, pastor of the McHenry Presbyterian church and the remains buried in the Render Cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

In the passing of Mrs. Jones the Render community has lost one of its most estimable and lovable characters, although quiet and unassuming, the niche made will be hard to fill.

NEGRO FARMERS REPORT LARGE YIELD IN CORN

Washington, June 24.—Average yields of thirty-five bushels of corn per acre were obtained by more than 14,000 negro farmers in North Carolina, Texas and Virginia, who raised 90,000 acres of corn last year, the Department of Agriculture has announced. The average for all farms in these states ranged from seventeen to twenty-five bushels an acre.

The excellent record made by the negro farmers is attributed in part to the advice they received from county agents employed co-operatively by the Department of Agriculture and the state agricultural colleges. Seventy per cent of the negro farmers in Virginia are said to be following methods of growing corn taught by extension workers.

21 DEAD MEN FOUND IN LOWER CALIFORNIA

Calexico, Cal., June 27.—Twenty-one men have been killed in and around Mexicali, Lower California, in the last two weeks, according to official reports in Calexico, just across the international line. This complication was made following the discovery today of eight dead Mexicans two and a half miles east of Calexico, one of the bodies being in an irrigation ditch on the American side of the boundary.

BASEBALL BRIEFS AND MIXED TIPS

The Hartford boys took the measure of the Rob Roy team in a game Saturday afternoon at Riverside Park by the count of 8 to 6. A fair sized bunch of fans were out to witness the Rob Royers in their first appearance here this season.

Taylor and Leach and Monroe and Fulton formed the battery for the visitors, Monroe doing the receiving during the first 7 innings when he went into the pitcher's box and Fulton behind the bat. Felix and Westfield and Glenn composed the Riversiders' battery.

Morgantown was here Sunday afternoon and what they did for the locals was a plenty, the score was 8 to 3 in favor of the Butlerites. They simply played a superior brand of ball and won, although they got the breaks in luck. The Riversiders hit often enough but they could not hit one where a Morgantowner was not. Barrick W. Tinsley's wildness in the early stages of the fracas and allowing base runners to take too much lead, he pitched a whale of a good game. He had stuff in plenty and good control after the first few stanzas, but coupled with other misdeeds and bad luck the game had been lost then.

The battery for Morgantown was W. Leach and Hammers, for Hartford, W. Tinsley and Glenn.

The Morgantown team is composed of a fine bunch of fellows and they play clean ball in sportsmanship style.

Beaver Dam lost to the McHenry Majestics on the latter's diamond Sunday by 5 to 1. Stevens and Mulhall tolled for the Beavers while Parrot performed for the Majestics.

Horton defeated Broadway in a ten inning game Sunday, by the score of 13 to 11.

Coming Games

Hartford will play Owensboro Saturday July 1st, and Logansport Sunday afternoon, both games starting promptly at 3 o'clock and at Riverside park.

On July 4th Central City is to come up for a game with Hartford. This being on a holiday and a day of celebration, there ought to be a great big crowd out to root for the home boys.

The Beavers will have Morgantown Sunday afternoon at the former's new park.

A double-header is to be played at Rockport July 4th. Leitchfield will oppose the first team and Nelson Creek the Rex team.

MRS. MAUD COOPER

Mrs. Maud Cooper, aged 83 years, and 8 months died at the home of her son, T. E. Cooper, Beaver Dam, Monday morning at 8:30. She had been an invalid for a number of years, having suffered a paralytic stroke several years ago. The deceased lady was formerly Miss Maud Stewart and the widow of Mr. Frank Cooper, who preceded her in death some 20 years. She professed faith in Christ at the age of 11, united with the Baptist church and remained a devoted member thereof to the end. She held her membership with the Green River Baptist Church, where funeral services were conducted by the Revs. Birch Shields, the pastor, and C. C. Davies of Beaver Dam, Tuesday afternoon, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Select Cemetery, in the presence of a large concourse of friends and relatives. In her days of activity she lived a life of worth and usefulness to her community and was loved and revered by all with whom she came in contact.

Besides two brothers, Messrs. B. W. Stewart of Cromwell and J. C. Stewart, of Weir City, Kansas, she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. C. L. Taylor, Akron, Ohio, and four sons, Messrs. Isaac, of Cromwell, Frank, Thomas E., and Fred Cooper, of Beaver Dam.

GOES TO DANIEL BOONE

Miss Vinita Barnard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Barnard of Dundee, who recently completed a stenographic course in the Bowling Green Business University will leave today for Daniel Boone, Ky., where she has accepted a position with the Stirling Coal Co.

NEW REGISTRATION OFFICERS APPOINTED

The County Election Commissioners recently appointed the following Precinct Registration Officers to serve during the ensuing year:

East Hartford—E. P. Barnard, J. Leslie Combs, J. W. D. Morris, S. C. M. Crowe, C.

West Hartford—S. T. Barnett, J. J. E. Bean, J. Elijah Robertson, S. R. R. Riley, C.

Beda—Hiner Humphrey, J. Estil Bennett, J. O. R. Tinsley, S. Dudley Westerfield, C.

Sulphur Springs—R. W. Johnston, J. H. C. Acton, J. Ab Westerfield, S. Mrs. Irene Duff, C.

Magan—J. H. Helton, J. J. C. Magan, J. C. D. Taul, S. Roscoe Hardin, C.

Cromwell—Silas Stevens, J. Ike Cooper, J. Warren Taylor, S. J. D. Taylor, C.

Cool Springs—Jas. L. Moore, J. J. N. Berryman, J. Q. M. Benton, S. H. Whitescarver, C.

North Rockport—J. T. Carter, J. Sam Robertson, J. J. L. Brown, S. E. C. Woodburn, C.

South Rockport—Mack Hendrix, J. Clarence Hodge, J. Ray Herrel, S. Jas. S. Danks, C.

Select—E. B. Linley, J. C. W. Ranney, J. Virgil Drake, S. Everett Langford, C.

Horse Branch—M. B. Crowder, J. Jack Walker, J. G. J. Christian, S. G. J. Hoover, C.

North Rosine—Tom Crowder, J. T. A. Rasland, J. Andrew Alford, S. L. L. Embry, C.

East Beaver Dam—Ben Reid, J. W. B. Taylor, J. J. D. Blankenship, S. Ellis Smith, C.

West Beaver Dam—Luther Render, J. Jas. Barnes, J. Otho Dexter, S. J. Morton Williams, C.

McHenry—Sam James, J. E. F. Reader, J. W. C. Smith, S. Oscar Reid, C.

North Centertown—Herbert Reader, J. H. A. Ashby, J. Alvin Ross, S. L. D. Jackson, C.

Smallhouse—C. T. Kittinger, J. W. M. Addington, J. A. L. France, S. Ross Morton, C.

East Fordville—C. W. Wedding, J. Ira Hale, J. R. I. Miller, S. Miss Abbie Whittinghill, C.

West Fordville—W. T. Keown, J. A. L. Knott, J. Jeff Whittinghill, S. R. O. Neel, C.

Aetnaville—J. A. Bellamy, J. J. J. Miller, J. Will Haynes, S. Wilbur Phillips, C.

Shreve—Sam Bennett, J. John Robinson, J. Ira Whittinghill, S. Oscar Petty, C.

Olaton—K. C. Byers, J. Henry Felix, J. Hayden Hert, S. M. S. Patterson, C.

Buford—E. C. Baird, J. Simon Wigginton, J. C. D. Hudson, S. O. C. Magan, C.

Bartlett—Ed Daniel, J. Ben W. Taylor, J. J. R. Weller, S. Roy Mitchell, C.

Heflin—T. D. Owen, J. A. V. Rowan, J. U. S. Condit, S. J. W. Foster, C.

Ceralvo—S. P. Moore, J. D. R. Haisley, J. Alvis Fulkerson, S. J. H. Wood, C.

Point Pleasant—Joe Everley, J. J. N. Hall, J. Watt Taylor, S. A. B. Tichenor, C.

Narrows—J. T. Petty, J. J. B. Renfrow, J. Lon Phillips, S. C. C. Carter, C.

Ralph—J. A. Grear, J. J. L. Patton, J. John Raymond, S. D. D. Moseley, C.

Prentiss—O. E. Scott, J. John Cooper, J. Odie Burgess, S. Moscow Taylor, C.

Herbert—Grant Midkiff, J. J. B. Bruner, J. Abe Howe, S. L. J. Taylor, C.

Arnold—C. W. Arnold, J. O. W. Howell, J. J. W. Arnold, S. J. O. Albin, C.

Render—Milton Park, J. John Stewart, J. Chester Loney, S. Claud Myers, C.

Simmons—Lon Day, J. J. L. Southard, J. Harrison Crowe, S. G. T. Tinsley, C.

North Hartford—E. G. Barrass, J. Hooker Williams, J. C. P. Keown, S. Sam Ellis, C.

Sunnydale—C. W. Wimsatt, C. Albert Cox, J. Almon Duke, S. J. T. Davis, C.

Pond Run—J. H. Miles, J. A. H. Ross, J. James Russell, S. Norton Hunley, C.

Taylor Mines—J. P. Paxton, J. E. F. Reader, J. Rowan Grear, S. Richard Baker, C.

South Fordville—W. H. Park, J. Shelby Ford, J. D. N. Howard, S.

John T. Smith, C.
South Rosine—B. H. Morris, J. R. H. Rains, J. Will Monroe, S. Miss Mayme Crowder, C.
South Centertown—C. S. Rowe, J. H. B. Bean, J. M. D. Heflin, S. Edgar Calvert, C.

MISSION BOARD HOLDS SESSION

The Mission Board of the Ohio County Baptist Association convened in its last session of the association year at the Hartford Baptist Church Monday morning at 10 o'clock, with the following in attendance: Revs. A. N. Norris, Fordsville; Oscar Ashby, M. B. Snell, R. I. McHenry; Russell Walker and R. E. Fuqua, Hartford and Messrs. Jake Wilson, Fordsville; E. E. Rogers, Beaver Dam; M. B. Crowder, Horse Branch; W. I. Igleheart and Alvin Ross, Centertown; G. S. Holbrook, Heflin and J. C. Bennett and Wm. Fair of Hartford.

Quite a volume of business was transacted at this session.

JOHN W. YERKES DEAD. HELD IN HIGH HONOR

John W. Yerkes, a prominent citizen of Kentucky, died in Danville, his home, June 23, a few days after undergoing an operation. Mr. Yerkes was a man of sterling worth, polished and active in all movements for the betterment of his State. He was once the Republican nominee for Governor but was defeated. During the period of 1900-1910 he was commissioner of internal revenue. He had been president of the Board of Trustees of Centre College during the past two years and had served upon the board for almost 25 years, in addition to this he had served in many other positions of trust and honor. He was a lawyer of wide reputation and a figure known throughout Kentucky and beyond.

LOUISVILLE MARKETS

Cattle—Receipts, 300; light. Supply for the mid-week, trade was moderate but market ruled slow and draggy at Monday's low time. Best light butchers found a slow demand, with medium and inferior kinds dull and draggy. Undertone slow in the heavy steer division with few arrivals. Narrow volume of traffic in stockers and feeders of all kinds:

Quotations: Prime heavy steers, \$7.50@8.00; heavy shipping steers, \$7.00@7.50; medium to good steers, \$6.00@7.00; heifers \$5.50@8.00; fat cows, \$5.00@6.00; medium to good cows \$3.00@5.00; cutters, \$2.50@3.00; canners, \$2.00@2.50; bulls, \$3.00@4.50; feeders, \$5.50@6.75; stockers, \$3.50@6.25; milch cows, \$2.00@6.00.

Calves—Market steady on best veals at \$8.50 down; medium and common calves extremely dull from \$2.50@5. Best calves 200 pounds up, are not bringing top prices.

Hogs—Demand active with prices steady. Top hogs, 120 pounds up, brought \$10.80; pigs, 120 pounds down, \$9.45; throwouts, \$8.30 down; stags \$6.70 down.

Sheep and Lambs—No definite trading was established up to noon. Trade established late, slow and 25c lower. Best lambs \$12.75@13, according to weight and quality; seconds, \$6@6.50. Best fat handy-weight sheep, \$5.50; heavy sheep, \$3.50; bucks, \$2.50 down.

Grain.

Current approximate buying prices, car load lots, quoted by mills are: Wheat—New No. 3 red, \$1.10 bushel.

Corn—No. 2 white 69c; No. 2 yellow 68c; No. 2 mixed 67c.

Oats—No. 2 mixed 42½c.

OBREGON WELCOMES JEWS

President Obregon invites the 500,000 Jewish refugees now scattered throughout Europe to settle in Mexico. He says his government seeks Jewish settlers providing they become Mexican subjects. He explains this condition is necessary if they are to own real estate.

PROTECT BIBLES WITH POISON

Twelve hundred Bibles, written in the language of the natives, were shipped by the American Bible Society to Ocean Island, one of the Gilbert group in the Pacific. The volumes were specially bound, using a poisonous glue to protect them from the destructive bookworms of the tropic island.

HIGH COURT ORDERS ASSESSMENT RAISE

Appellate Court Holds County Must Meet Commission's Order.

Frankfort, Ky., June 28.—The Court of Appeals today in a decision by Judge Sampson held that the State Tax Commission has a right to require a county to bring the total assessments up to the value fixed by the commission in reviewing the assessment returned by the County Tax Commissioner and the Board of Supervisors. This question was decided in the suit of Fayette County to prevent the commission reassessing the property in the county at the county's expense.

The court held that the commission may not make a reassessment and said "after the State board has finally fixed the valuation placed upon the different classes of property in a given county and the county has failed to prosecute an appeal within the time limited, the action of the board becomes final and conclusive and the county is bound through its proper fiscal officials to raise the valuation of the different classes of property to conform to the ruling of the State Commission."

"While the County Board of Supervisors has a discretion in the matter of equalizing the property of the different classes to conform to the ruling of the State board, the county board has no discretion as to the amount of the raise and if it fails to comply with the orders of that commission the commission may by mandamus require the County Board of Supervisors to perform this function as a legal duty from which there is no escape. It may be urged that, as the Board of Supervisors had adjourned, no mandamus will lie against that board. It is the duty of the County Judge to convene such board and if he fails to do so mandamus will lie to compel the performance of this duty."

The lower court sustained the right of the State commission under the statutes to send its field men into the county to make a reassessment at the county's expense because the County Board of Supervisors refused to carry out the instructions of the State commission. This court says the law provides a complete system for settling all controversies between the commission and the county and renders a reassessment by a house-to-house canvass unnecessary, and the cost, which is nominal, must be borne by the State. It adds: "A reassessment of the property of a county by the agents of the State Tax Commission would be repugnant to the spirit of our bill of rights and contrary to the principles of local self-government."

Several counties in which reassessments have been ordered have been awaiting the outcome of this case, and it will be incumbent on the county judges now to reconvene their boards of supervisors to equalize assessments on the basis of the totals fixed by the State Tax Commission.

PATRIOTIC SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Next Sunday being near the fourth of July, there will be held a patriotic service in the Methodist Church at 11 A. M. Reserved seats for all ex-service men both old and young. The church will be decorated with American flags and colors in keeping with the occasion. Good music by the orchestra and choir, including patriotic songs. Every one who has a flag that they will loan for the occasion, will kindly phone the pastor before Friday morning. Everyone is cordially invited to come and worship with us and make this a great service not only in honor of our country, but in honor to our Christ as well.

T. T. FRAZIER, Pastor.

GOING ON DOWN

Rev. Bascum Waters, of Clinton, Tenn., manager of the Somerset Petroleum Corporation, is in Somerset this week, looking after the interests of his concern, which is drilling a well near Oil Center. This well is now drilled to the depth of over 1150 feet and the drillers are going on down. The Commonwealth.